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ELECTION 2020 NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY

Bernie Sanders holds onto a narrow lead

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, and his wife, Jane Sanders, greet people campaigning for him outside of a polling station on Tuesday in Manchester, New Hampshire. Sanders seemed to be solidifying his support among voters on the left. *Joe Raedle, Getty Images*

Bennet, Yang suspend campaigns. Moderate lane remains crowded.

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Associated Press

Bernie Sanders held a narrow lead over Pete Buttigieg in the New Hampshire Democratic primary Tuesday night as the two ideological opposites battled it out for front-runner status in the chaotic nomination fight to take on President Donald Trump.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a Midwestern moderate like former Mayor Buttigieg, was trailing in third place. It was an unexpectedly strong showing for Klobuchar, who surged following a standout debate performance on Friday.

"Tonight in New Hampshire, as everyone had counted us out even a week ago," Klobuchar said, "I came back and we delivered."

With votes still coming in, the race was too early to call. But the night was disappointing for two prominent White House hopefuls. Former Vice President Joe Biden was competing with Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren for fourth place. Neither was on track to receive any delegates.

After a chaotic beginning to primary voting last week in Iowa, Democrats hoped New Hampshire would provide clarity in their urgent quest to pick someone to take on Trump in November. At least two candidates dropped out in the wake of weak finishes Tuesday night: just-the-facts moderate Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet and political newcomer Andrew Yang, who attracted a small but loyal following.

Yang, an entrepreneur who created buzz for his presidential campaign by talking about his love of math and championing a universal basic income that would give every American adult $1,000 per month, told supporters: "I am the math guy, and it is clear to me from the numbers that we are not going to win this race."

He said he had "been persuaded that the message of this campaign will not be strengthened by my staying in the race any longer."

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Race for the nomination

At press time, here's how the top five candidates were doing in the New Hampshire primary with 75% of precincts across the state reporting.

Bernie Sanders
26.2%
Delegates: Gained 12 from Iowa.

Pete Buttigieg
24.2%
Delegates: Gained 14 from Iowa.

Amy Klobuchar
19.7%
Delegates: Gained 1 from Iowa.

Elizabeth Warren
9.6%
Delegates: Gained 8 from Iowa.

Joe Biden
8.3%
Delegates: Gained 6 from Iowa.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota, waves to supporters in Manchester, New Hampshire. *Scott Eisen, Getty Images*

Coming up

Feb. 22: Nevada caucuses*
Feb. 29: South Carolina primary*
March 3: ("Super Tuesday") Alabama, American Samoa*, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Democrats Abroad*, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia*

**Democratic Party only. Source: The Green Papers, Associated Press, NBC News*

LEGISLATURE

Proposal would halt transgender youth procedures

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COLUMBUS — Transgender people younger than 18 wouldn't be able to take puberty blockers or undergo surgical procedures if a draft bill in the Ohio House passes.

The legislation, sponsored by Republican Reps. Bill Dean of the Dayton area and Ron Hood of Pickaway County, was announced Tuesday by the lawmakers, along with Christian policy group Citizens for Community Values.

The legislation is still being drafted. The plan is to criminally penalize physicians who perform the procedures, said Aaron Baer, president of Citizens for Community Values.

"What we're trying to accomplish in this bill is that these procedures cannot be done. It would cause sterilization, irreparable damage to children that can't be reversed," Hood said. "That's what makes this such a problem. Decisions made in childhood that are very, very permanent and cause sterilization cannot be reversed."

Ohio's LGBTQ advocates and members of the medical community criticized the draft legislation.

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BUDGET

More than $100M proposed for city federal buildings

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CLEVELAND — The federal government believes it can save long-term money by spending more than $80 million to build or acquire a building to house the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cleveland office, according documents released by the U.S. General Services Administration, which handles many of the federal government's real estate transactions.

In addition to paying for a new FBI building in Cleveland, budget documents say GSA also wants to spend more than $28 million to complete, repair and expand the plaza system at Cleveland's Carl. B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse on West Superior Avenue.

The projects were part of a $4.8 trillion budget proposal that President Donald Trump unveiled Monday. Congress must sign off on the projects before they can be built.

The FBI employs around 250 people at its current office at 1501 Lakeside Avenue. GSA says that original 10-year lease was signed in 2002 at a $4.4 million yearly rent with

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